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hours by air and there are also newspapers which are published on the borders of this Province and they mainly cater to that part of the Province. So, it is not practicable to make a distinction between newspapers in this Province and newspapers outside this Province. We have therefore provided that only news about races within the Province is to be banned.

"Again, my hon. Friend referred to the proviso about the publication of certain news items regarding races in the newspapers. I have already stated that we are not against racing as such.

4-30 p.m. "It might be possible to continue racing and just as any other sport, racing also might continue and exist as a sport and it would not be right to ban publication of news items relating to sport, even relating to races in the newspapers. That is why we have introduced that provision. I can once again assure hon. Members of the House who are afraid that the Government would give an unduly long lease of life to betting that this Government would take a decision and it will not be a long lease of life to betting. There is no question of distinctions between the rich and the poor but it is a question of saving people who cannot afford to ruin themselves and it is in that spirit that the Government have brought forward this measure and I do hope that the House would unanimously vote for the motion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"The question is—

'that the Madras City Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1948) as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 1 and the preamble were each separately put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Mr. President, I move—

'that the Madras City Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1948, be passed into law'."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"The question is—

'that the Madras City' Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1948, be passed into law'."

The motion was carried and the Billl was passed into law.

V.—MOTION UNDER RULE 15 (3) OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Mr. President, Mr. Chandramouli has to move item 5, the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948. I want it to be taken here immediately now and I want the permission of the House to alter the order of business."

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Leader of the House may make a motion under Rule 15 (3)."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Under Rule 15 (3) I move—

' *that the motion standing in the name of the Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli may be taken up now and the rest might follow* '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that item 5 in the list of business, i.e., the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949) be taken up now '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

VI.—THE MADRAS MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L.A. BILL No 4 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill* [a], *1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949), as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" The object of the Bill has been explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. It is only a small amending measure which has been necessitated after the passing of the Indian Independence Act of 1947. When Members have to take their oaths of allegiance or affirmation, the change has been made and instead of the words ' Crown ' the words ' India and the Constitution of India ' are to be substituted and similarly instead of ' to His Majesty the King-Emperor, his heirs, successors, etc. ' the words ' India and the Constitution of India ' are to be put in and each member is expected to swear in the name of his mother country and the Constitution."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. President, I support the motion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3, 1 and the preamble were each separately put and carried and formed part of the Bill.

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law* '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948, be passed into law '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

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